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Allotment to district boards for bridges and culverts during the last six years.

* 485 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the amount of grants given to each district board for bridges and culverts during ecah of the last six years?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1021 at the meeting of the Council held on 23rd March 1935. The particulars given in that answer include grants given to district boards for bridges and culverts.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—" Sir, when the last question was answered, the figures for 1934–35 were not given. May I know whether the Hon. Minister can give the figures for 1934–35?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have not got the figures. I shall be glad to supply the information to the hon. Member."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask whether separate figures for bridges and culverts cannot be supplied as they will go to show the treatment given to various districts in this particular direction?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" They can be furnished, but it would mean a great deal of time and trouble."

Sanitary Engineering

Separation of the Sanitary Engineering Department from the Public Health Department.

* 486 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the reasons were for separating the Sanitary Engineering Department and Public Health Department during the recent redistribution of portfolios; and

(*b*) whether the separation is expected to facilitate the work of the department concerned; if so, in what way?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Sanitary Engineering Department was separated from the Public Health Department in order to facilitate work. The work of the former department is mostly connected with local boards and municipal councils and is more allied to Local Self-Government than Public Health and Sanitation. Hence it has been retained with the Minister for Local Self-Government.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the heads of departments concerned have been consulted?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" As a matter of fact, there has been no separation. The answer explains the position. Though